Knights Football

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the coach. The Knights' offensive line is made up of Dewey Wharam and David Ragland at tackles, Mike Edwards and Sharion Banks at guards, Jesse Davis at tight end, Steve Brown at split end, and Donald Lee at center.

Andy Shumaker, who started at center last year, is back this season but injured. Gowin hopes he will soon be back to the point where he can help the offensive line.

The Knights' 4-4 defense is composed of ends Virgil Braxton and Mike Edwards, tackles David Ragland and Craig White, outside linebackers Will Gowin and David Davies (Sharion Banks will likely see some action at this spot, too), inside linebackers Basil Gooden and Darin Perkins, halfbacks Steve Brown and Shawn Woodson, and safety Russ Gowin.

Coach Gowin says that his team is more running oriented, and will run simplified offenses this year, as opposed to the multiple offenses characteristic of the Knights in past years.

"We're (physically) small this year," according to the coach. "In the past, our approach to the game has been to throw our big men at our opponents in a running game. This year, we will use our speed and quickness for more finesse in our game."

"The size of your personnel dictates the style of your game," the coach notes.

While the Knights may be small in the weight department, coach Gowin notes that his team members are determined and "full of fight."

"These kids may not be big, but they are quick, they're strong, and they'll hit you as hard as you've ever been hit," the coach says.

He points out that the younger players are up from last year's junior varsity squad, which posted a 7-3 record for the season.

"Our sophomores have never played on a losing team," notes the coach.

Buckingham's 33-member squad seemed to prove their coach's point in the season opener at Cumberland.

"You can bet these players are going to give it everything they've got this season," says the veteran coach. "A lot of schools have scheduled us for their homecoming games, thinking we'll be a pushover. We'll see about that."

Date	Team	Place	Time
9-4	Cumberland	Away	8:00
9-11	Gretna	Home	8:00
9-18	Wm. Campbell	Away	8:00
9-25	Rustburg	Home	8:00
10-2	Nelson County	Away	8:00
10-9	Altavista	Home	8:00
10-16	Brookville	Away	8:00
10-23	J. Forest	Home	8:00
10-30	Liberty	Away	8:00
11-6	Appomattox	Home	8:00

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junior varsity level, to the program.

"We only had one girl turn out the first day of practice for junior varsity girls' basketball this summer," Tolley notes. "Now we have 11, but there for a while it looked bad," the coach adds.

"We're adjusting, and we've gotten into it (the autumn season) better than I thought we would," the coach concludes.

But for Mary Tolley, it will take some time for basketball season to seem like basketball season in the autumn.

Raiders football

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the dislocated index finger.

Rodney Bryant at fullback, Dennis Fleshman at tailback, and Petey McIver at slotback round out the Raiders' starting backfield.

Tim Webb, Tim Bennett, and Jeff Davis will all see action at the guard spot this season, and Gary Mayberry and Chris Dunnam will see action this season at center.

Roy Trent, at six feet, one inch and 215 pounds, will fill one tackle slot, and the other tackle spot is still largely up for grabs. Tom Smith at tight end completes the Raiders' offensive line.

On defense, the Raiders have Jeff Miller and Rick Miller, Ron Carte and Mike Rosser, all capable of playing defensive end. Tackles on defense include Roy Trent, Norman Turner and Allen Hamlett, and at the guard spot, the Raiders have Herman Ferguson, Robert Paulette, and Rick Carter.

The Raiders' linebackers this year include Tim Bennett, Jeff Davis, Rodney Bryant, and Jim Gilliam.

In the defensive secondary, the Raiders have Tom Smith, Alan Edmonds, James Carrico and Jeff Fanney.

"Depth in our defensive secondary might be a problem this season," Cuccio notes.

Cuccio says his multiple-set approach to offense is intended to allow the Raiders to "run and pass effectively, as the situation dictates."

"We want to be able to do whatever will be most advantageous to us in any given situation," Cuccio says. "Therefore, we will continue to work toward a sound running game as well as a polished passing game," the coach continues.

Cuccio notes that one of the things that the Raiders will work on this season is keeping the opposition guessing. "We try to hide the football, and use a lot of misdirection," says Cuccio. "This is to cut down on the defensive pursuit....teams will have to be more cautious with us, less reckless."

Cuccio notes that the team is adapting well to the new offensive and defensive systems, and adds that he is pleased with the progress the Raiders have made in practice. "We still need to work on execution," he says.

In reference to the Seminole District, the new coach says he expects the competition to be "extremely keen" this season.

"From top to bottom, this is probably the most competitive district in the state," the coach notes.

"I'm happy to be here, and excited about our prospects this season," he concludes.

Raider grid slate

Date	Team	Place	Time
9-4	Gretna	Away	8:00
9-11	Wm. Campbell	Home	8:00
9-18	Rustburg	Away	8:00
9-25	Nelson	Home	8:00
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10-9	Brookvville	Home	8:00
10-16	J. Forest	Away	8:00
10-23	Liberty	Home	8:00
10-30	Radford	Home	8:00
11-6	Buckingham	Away	8:00

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A CROWD OF MORE THAN 190 runners participated in last year's Joe Sweeney 10K run. The course begins and ends at Appomattox County High School, where this photo was taken last October. (Photo by Allen Austin)

10K run a yearly attraction

An annual Autumn sporting event, the Joe Sweeney 10K Classic footrace, will get underway this year Oct. 10 in conjunction with the ninth annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival.

The race, which is scheduled to begin at Appomattox County High School on Rt. 727 at 1 p.m., attracted more than 190 runners last year.

Appomattox native Richard Ferguson set a course record that year with a time of 31 minutes, 20 seconds over the 6.2-mile course.

With race time fast approaching, interest in the event is accelerating, according to Ronnie Stevens, race director.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three finishers in each of the 15 age groups, according to Stevens.

In addition, trophies will be awarded to the first two men and women from Appomattox who finish the race.

Race tee shirts will be provided for the first 200 runners to enter the race, Stevens adds.

The race, which will begin and end at the ACHS track, will see runners grouped according to their expected times, Stevens says.

The course will stretch through the rolling hills of Appomattox, and cover the AAU-sanctioned 10 kilometers (6.2 miles).

Entry fee for the race is $5 prior to midnight, Oct. 1, and $6 thereafter. Runners will be able to register the day of the race between 11 a.m. and noon, according to Stevens.

The race, named after Joe Sweeney, an Appomattox native who invented the five-string banjo, is being sponsored by the Farmers National Bank, according to Stevens.

Anyone seeking more information on the Joe Sweeney 10K Classic may contact Stevens at Rt. 1, Box 701A, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Buckingham

1981 VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER

Jersey #	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Class
10	Steve Brown	5'7"	133	Senior
14	Chuck Love	5'1"	101	Soph.
15	Russ Gowin	6'0"	205	Senior
16	Derdick Johnson	5'6"	121	Junior
18	Will Gowin	5'9"	157	Soph.
22	Mark Christian	5'4"	135	Soph.
23	Darrell Smith	5'2"	132	Soph.
26	David Davies	5'7"	154	Senior
27	Darin Perkins	5'7"	151	Soph.
30	Jesse Davis	5'8"	162	Junior
33	Shawn Woodson	6'2"	164	Soph.
40	Basil Gooden	6'1"	192	Senior
50	Donald Lee	6'2"	212	Senior
51	Thomas Anderson	5'9"	176	Soph.
55	Andy Shumaker	6'0"	183	Junior
60	Sharion Banks	5'9"	167	Junior
61	Mike Edwards	5'9"	161	Senior
62	Sterenzo Washington	5'7"	149	Soph.
63	Craig White	5'8"	157	Junior
66	Ricky Burnley	5'9"	155	Soph.
70	Steve Gough	5'8"	208	Senior
71	David Christian	5'9"	188	Soph.
72	Virgil Braxton	5'10"	175	Junior
73	Hayden Smith	5'8"	198	Soph.
74	Otto Washington	5'10"	220	Senior
75	Dewey Wharam	6'1"	226	Junior
76	David Ragland	6'0"	192	Soph.
77	Daryl Massie	6'2"	274	Soph.
80	Carl Manis	5'6"	140	Soph.
82	Ricky Wootten	5'9"	150	Junior
83	William Ross	5'9"	149	Senior
84	Jeff Christian	6'1"	156	Senior
86	Adrian Jones	5'9"	142	Senior

Head Coach: Pete Gowin
Asst. Coaches: Avery Goodwin, Larry Morris, Alfred Wilson

Captains: Russ Gowin, David Davies, Basil Gooden

Statisticians: Mike Guill, Steve Dunn

Principal: W. Ernest Riland
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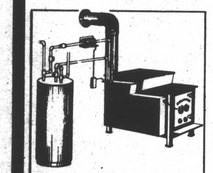

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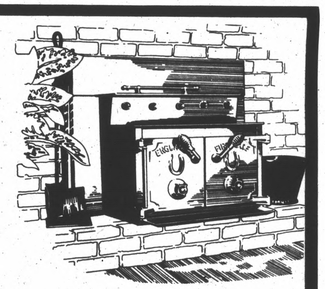

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